

REMARKS

Applicants have provided an Abstract for the application.

Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate the sequence listing, update the priority claim with the patent number of the parent application, add the 35 U.S.C. § 371 date of a parent application, and correct a typographical error.

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is enclosed. Please use the computer readable form filed in application 07/916,151, on March 7, 1995, as the computer readable form for the instant application. The content of the enclosed paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing filed in application 07/916,151, on March 7, 1995, are the same. This submission does not include new matter.

Claims 1-57 have been canceled and claims 58-115 are new. Claims 58-115 are identical to claims 1- 58 in U.S. Patent No. 6,656,709, which issued on December 2, 2003, from parent application 08/426,630, filed April 21, 1995. A courtesy copy of the patent is enclosed.

Applicants have filed the instant application solely to provide an opportunity for the Patent Office to consider the patentability of these claims over Jeter et al., 1987, alone or in combination with any other prior art. A copy of Jeter et al. was filed in this application in an IDS on December 1, 2003. Applicants expect to abandon the instant application once the patentability of these claims over Jeter et al. has been confirmed.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary
Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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